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FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT
AND DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF UN COMMAND (DEPT OF STATE
PUBLICATION 7084 DATED OCTOBER 1960):

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THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

THE ARMISTICE PROVIDED FOR A CEASE-FIRE, A DEMILITARIZED
ZONE BETWEEN THE OPPOSING FORCES, A MILITARY DEMARCATION
LINE RUNNING FOR THE MOST PART SOMEWHAT ABOVE THE 38TH
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PARALLEL, AND A BAN ON THE INTRODUCTION INTO KOREA OF

REINFORCING MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. TO SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND DEAL WITH ALLEGED VIOLATIONS A MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION, COMPOSED OF MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE UN COMMAND AND THE COMMUNIST FORCES, WAS ESTABLISHED WITH HEADQUARTERS AT PANMUNJOM. THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE NAMING OF A NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION CONSISTING OF SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND. THE NNSC WAS TO OBSERVE, INSPECT, AND INVESTIGATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE INTRODUCTION INTO KOREA OF REINFORCING MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT CONTAINED NO PROVISION FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS BUT PARAGRAPH 60 RECOMMENDED "TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED ON BOTH SIDES, THAT, WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AND BECOMES EFFECTIVE, A POLITICAL CONFERENCE OF A HIGHER LEVEL OF BOTH SIDES BE HELD BY REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED RESPECTIVELY TO SETTLE THROUGH NEGOTIATION THE QUESTIONS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM KOREA, THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, ETC."
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DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF UN COMMAND

SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SIGNATURE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT THE 16 NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA ISSUED A DECLARATION AT WASHINGTON ON JULY 27, 1953, SUPPORTING THE DECISION TO CONCLUDE AN ARMISTICE AND AFFIRMING THEIR DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT ITS TERMS FAITHFULLY. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY DECLARED THAT THEY WOULD BE PROMPT TO RESIST ANY RENEWAL OF THE ARMED ATTACK AND WARNED THAT IF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION SHOULD REOCCUR "IN ALL PROBABILITY, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONFINE HOSTILITIES WITHIN THE FRONTIERS OF KOREA."
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THEY FURTHER PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO FUTURE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BRING ABOUT AN EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT IN KOREA BASED ON PRINCIPLES LONG ESTABLISHED BY THE WORLD ORGANIZATION, WHICH CALLED FOR A UNITED, INDEPENDENT, AND DEMOCRATIC KOREA.

THUS AFTER 37 MONTHS OF FIGHTING THE UN FORCES SUCCEEDED IN REPELLING THE AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF

KOREA, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEIR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. THE COSTS OF THIS COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENT WERE HEAVY. THE NUMBER OF KILLED, WOUNDED, AND MISSING FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EXCEEDED 400,000. THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES SUFFERED TOTAL CASUALTIES OF APPROXIMATELY 142,000, WHILE THOSE OF THE OTHER 15

MEMBERS OF THE UN COMMAND WERE APPROXIMATELY 17,000. MUCH GREATER LOSSES WERE INFLICTED UPON THE ENEMY, WHOSE TOTAL CASUALTIES WERE ESTIMATED BY THE UN COMMAND AT BETWEEN ONE AND ONE-HALF AND TWO MILLION. IN ADDITION, THE CONFLICT EXACTED A HEAVY TOLL IN DEATH AND INJURIES TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AS WELL AS WIDESPREAD PROPERTY DAMAGE. BY A RESOLUTION OF AUGUST 28, 1953, THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO DIED IN RESISTING AGGRESSION AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN THIS FIRST COLLECTIVE MILITARY EFFORT TO UPHOLD THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM UNDER THE UN CHARTER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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